



**DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY**  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

**CIRCULAR NO. 6/2025**

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**TO: ALL HEADS OF PUBLIC BODIES**

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ACTING MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY**

**SUBJECT: DRAFT GOVERNMENT DIGITAL STANDARDS – CALL FOR  
CONSULTATION AND FEEDBACK**

**1. Purpose**

This Circular serves to inform all public bodies of the draft Government Digital Standards developed by the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) under Section 64 of the Digital Government Act 2022 and to invite formal consultation and feedback prior to their finalization and endorsement.

**2. Legal Authority**

Under Section 5 of the Digital Government Act 2022, DICT is mandated to develop, coordinate, and oversee whole-of-government digital policies, standards, and specifications.

Specifically, Section 64 empowers DICT to establish standards, specifications, guidelines, and codes of practice that will guide government-wide ICT investments, system design, and service delivery

These standards are designed to ensure:

- Interoperability of ICT systems across government (Section 50).
- Integration and secure data exchange (Sections 31, 33, 52).
- Compliance with national sovereignty, cybersecurity, and data protection requirements (Sections 18, 19, 25, 44).

**3. Draft Government Digital Standards**

DICT has prepared eight (8) draft standards for consultation:

1. Government Digital ID Standards, Guidelines & Specifications (*Sections 31, 33*)
2. Government Data Standards, Guidelines & Specifications (*Sections 44, 52*)
3. Government Social Media Standards (*Section 41*)
4. Government Cloud Standards, Guidelines & Specifications (*Sections 25, 26*)

5. Government ISP Standards (*Sections 22, 23*)
6. Government e-Payment Standards & Guidelines (*Sections 33, 34*)
7. Government ICT Procurement Standards & Guidelines (*Sections 14, 15*)
8. Government Data Centre Standards, Guidelines & Specifications (*Sections 20, 27, 28*)

Copies of these draft standards can be found at [www.ict.gov.pg](http://www.ict.gov.pg)

#### **4. Call for Consultation**

All public bodies are requested to review the referred drafts and submit written feedback to DICT by 30th September 2025.

Required actions:

- Nominate your Digital Transformation Officer (DTO) as the primary contact point for this consultation (Section 9).
- Review each draft standard in detail and assess operational implications for your agency.
- Submit consolidated feedback and recommendations to DICT by the deadline.

DICT will consolidate all feedback and present the revised drafts for endorsement through the Public Service ICT Steering Committee under Section 12 of the Act.

#### **5. Next Steps**

Once finalized and endorsed, these standards will become mandatory for all public bodies under Section 64 of the Act. A separate circular will be issued to announce final adoption and outline compliance timelines.

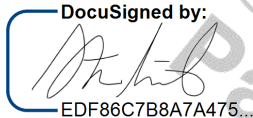
#### **6. Contact for Feedback**

Please direct all feedback and enquiries to:

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DICT encourages active participation from all agencies to ensure the standards are practical, implementable, and effective before final endorsement.

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